

LOCAL POLITICS.

THE O'BRIEN-MURPHY BARGAIN.

MR. WICKHAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE APOLLO HALL GENERAL COMMITTEE, REPUDIATES O'BRIEN AND RESIGNS.—CONDITIONS OF THE SALE OF THE DEMOCRACY BY O'BRIEN AND TWEED.—THE LIBERAL MAJORITY IN THE CITY TO BE REDUCED BY COUNT SO AS TO CARRY THE STATE.

The bargain of Senator O'Brien with the Custom-house Republicans having been fully exposed, the split in the Apollo Hall Democracy, which he has claimed all along to control, has widened, and the disruption of the organization is threatened. William C. Wickham, the chairman, having become convinced beyond a doubt that O'Brien is endeavoring to use the organization for corrupt purposes, has resigned his position and retires from the organization. He will be followed, doubtless, by two-thirds of the honest Democrats of the organization who will not consent to support the Grant director, or to aid indirectly in defeating the regular nomineee of the Democratic as well as the Liberal Republican party by conniving, with O'Brien, at the futile nomination of a Democrat at the Convention to hold at Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Wickham was apprised in a very singular manner of the corrupt bargain between O'Brien and Murphy, which was concluded in the latter's office, as stated weeks ago in THE TRIBUNE. It appears that O'Brien has been accustomed to boast, not only that he controlled Apollo Hall, but that he had put Mr. Wickham in the Chairmanship of the General Committee as his representative; and in his barroom with Thomas Murphy he claimed to be able to influence Mr. Wickham, Abraham B. Lawrence, and other active members of the Committee. The only really prominent follower of O'Brien in the Committee is William F. Barrett. Supposing this claim of O'Brien to be true, Murphy sent him a confidante, "Deacon" Bliss, and his representative in the Collectorship, Gen. Arthur, to learn from Mr. Wickham just how far he would induce to go in regulation of Senator O'Brien's barroom. Gen. Arthur and Mr. Bliss, supposing that Mr. Wickham was engaged in the intrigue, approached the subject rather unguardedly, and after stating their understanding of the bargain were somewhat astonished to learn that O'Brien did not own Apollo Hall, and that Mr. Wickham repudiated O'Brien's bargains. Thus satisfied by his own sense of O'Brien's treason, Mr. Wickham determined to resign, and on Thursday last wrote the following communication:

W.M. WICKHAM'S RESIGNATION.

To the Democratic Reform General Committee.—In January last, when you unanimously elected me to your ranks, I said that it should not be a Committee organized in the interests of any one man or set of men, and subject to their manipulations, but a Committee whose labor should be the promotion of reform and the welfare of the Democratic party.

Recent events have convinced me that an effort is making to use the organization as an instrument of personal ambition, and this, too, by methods that are scarcely decent. I am sorry to say, that in its extreme form, it not merely ruins, the movement for reform in this city.

While ready at all times to employ my best energies in securing for our city an honest and efficient government, I have made every honorable effort to aid in the election of Horace Greeley and B. Gratz Brown, as the candidates of the Democratic party, for President and Vice-President. Believing that fidelity to the cause of national reform, and the welfare of the Democratic party, was the true interest of the people of this city, I have done good service for the Liberal cause.

A few days ago, and in accordance with the advice of friends in whose judgment I confide, and with a full appreciation of the many acts of kindness and courtesy I have received from the Committee, I beg leave to tender my resignation as its permanent effectual member.

WILLIAM H. WICKHAM,

NEW YORK, Aug. 8, 1872.

CONDITIONS OF THE O'BRIEN-TWEED BARGAIN.

It is now understood that the bargain of O'Brien with Murphy was to the effect that, in consideration of funds and places to be provided O'Brien and his friends, the latter was to keep up the show of a Democratic organization in this city, and send delegates to Louisville to secure the nomination of a Bourbon Democrat, as an excuse to obtain the appointment of additional Inspectors of Election in this city. The Cusson-house party claim that, through Tweed's influence over the Police Commissioners, the appointment of inspectors can be made in the anti-Greeley interest, and thus the anticipated majority for Greeley in New York County can be reduced in the counting so as to give the State to Grant. It is widely asserted that the Cusson-house party, and in accordance with the advice of friends in whose judgment I confide, and with a full appreciation of the many acts of kindness and courtesy I have received from the Committee, I beg leave to tender my resignation as its permanent effectual member.

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MEETING OF THE GRANT REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF NATIONAL REFORM. SPEECH OF J. B. HASKIN AT FORDHAM—SUGGESTIONS IN REGARD TO THE STATE CANVASS.

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